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FOR NAC AGENCIES

FOR USADB

E.O. 11652:

TAGS: EAID EFIN KS

SUBJECT: ADB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR NAMGANG-IMJIN PROJECTS

REF: A SEOUL 6626, B MANILA 11808

1. REF (A) POINTED OUT THAT IBRD FINANCING FEASIBILITY STUDY OF HWANG GANG BASIN WHICH ADJACENT TO NAMGANG BASIN AND RECOMMENDED THAT ADB AND IBRD CONDUCT JOINT FEASIBILITY STUDY OR ALTERNATIVELY THAT CLOSE COORDINATION OF THE TWO STUDIES BE ESTABLISHED.

2. REF (B) STATED ADB STAFF ASSURED THAT THERE WOULD BE CONTINUING CLOSE COORDINATION OF PROJECTS BETWEEN ADB AND IBRD.

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3. APPARENTLY COORDINATION DID NOT PENETRATE

TO ALL CONCERNED UNITS IN IBRD. WHEN A. GOLAN, IRRIGATION AND AREA DEVELOPMENT DIVISION, IBRD, WAS IN KOREA IN MARCH, HE STATED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN AWARE UNTIL THEN THAT ADB WAS PLANNING FEASIBILITY STUDY OF NAMGANG AREA. USAID HAS BEEN INFORMED HE TOLD ROKG IT DID NOT MAKE SENSE TO CARRY OUT TWO SEPARATE FEASIBILITY STUDIES, SINCE THESE TWO AREAS A PART OF A LARGER RIVER BASIN. HE SUGGESTED THAT ROKG PUT THE TWO STUDIES TOGETHER OR RECOMMEND A DIFFERENT AREA FOR IBRD INVOLVEMENT. WE ARE NOW INFORMED THAT ROKG HAS DECIDED TO DROP HWANG GANG STUDY AND IS REQUESTING IBRD CARRY OUT FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR MI-HO CHUN AREA IN CHUNG CHONG PROVINCE.

4. SUGGEST ABOVE BE BROUGHT TO ATTENTION BOTH ADB AND IBRD.
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